ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 25, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:20

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jerry Thompson Presentation study—2:00 Reg Killingley (Also transmitted live)

Order of service-3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Daniel 7:15–27
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

- 1. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havir is giving two presentations in Omaha, Ark. (at the congregation pastored by Ken Tate).
- Bad weather doesn't stop us—Since the beginning of this congregation, it has been our tradition to avoid canceling a church service due to weather. We expect each individual to use personal judgment and freedom for himself and his family. (Besides, you could join our Internet audience to watch our presentations online.)
- Loss of electricity could slow us down—Although the circumstance would be rare, we would probably cancel a church service in the building due to a loss of electricity. (However, knowing our audience, anyone who showed up might enjoy a small Bible study—as long as we stayed warm enough.)
- 4. Wednesday-night Bible study on Dec. 29—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Dec. 29.
- Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Socialism Is for the Uninformed" by Thomas Sowell.
- Among Friends—This week's article is "Supplications in Old Testament" by Dave Havir.
- 7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages. (This edition has four articles and 214 headlines.)

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8. Bulletin was finished on Thursday—Due to Dave Havir's trip, this bulletin does not have the latest prayer requests.

Prayer updates

Please remember **Timberly Dunnam**, who is dealing with pain in her back and other locations and is waiting to hear from Longview Orthopedics to establish an appointment.

Please remember **David Bonilla**, who is recovering from hip surgery (to put a metal rod from his right hip to his knee) and has his broken right arm in a sling.

Please remember **Doyle Welborn**, who is recovering from hip-replacement surgery.

Please remember **Andrew McIver**, who has been experiencing digestive issues and had lost 15 pounds since the Feast of Tabernacles.

On Monday, **Ronnie Shirley** left Everest Rehabilitation Hospital in Longview and returned to his apartment at Arabella of Longview.

New prayer requests

Koby Dunne of Arlington (18-year-old grandson of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) has been diagnosed with covid.

Brittney Kurr of Tulsa, Okla., has been diagnosed with flulike symptoms. (Her initial covid home test was negative.)

Joe Forste of Texarkana, Ark., had been diagnosed with kidney cancer, lymphoma and possible brain cancer.

Dale Vance of Sapulpa, Okla., died Dec. 17. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

"They're telling the unjabbed to take the jab, because the jab works, and telling the jabbed to get a booster, because the jab doesn't work—all the while telling everyone that the unjabbed are putting the jabbed in danger by not getting a jab that didn't protect the jabbed!"—Nancy Amburgey

Resurrection of the Son of God

Acts 2:24—"Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it."

Acts 2:32—"This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."

Acts 3:15—"And killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses."

Acts 3:26—"To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

Acts 5:30—"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree."

Acts 10:40—"Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly."

Acts 13:30—"But God raised Him from the dead."

Acts 17:31—"Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Romans 4:24—"But also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead."

Romans 5:9-10—"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

The Son of God at the right hand

Acts 2:33—"Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear."

Acts 5:31—"Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins."

Acts 7:55-56—"But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, 'Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

Romans 8:34—"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

Ephesians 1:20—"Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."

Colossians 3:1—"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."

Hebrews 1:3—"Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Hebrews 8:1—"Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens."

Hebrews 12:2—"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

1 Peter 3:22—"Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him."

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"Supplication in Old Testament"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, churchofgodbigsandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Dec. 25, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation about supplication in the Old Testament. I wanted to share some of the scriptures in this short article.

David in the Psalms

David mentioned supplication throughout the psalms that he wrote. Notice a few.

Psalm 6:6-9—"I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows old because of all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer."

Psalm 28:2—"Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary."

Psalm 55:1-2—"Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not hide Yourself from my supplication. Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily."

Solomon at the temple

Solomon's words at the temple are found in 1 Kings 8:22-53. Notice a few excerpts.

1 Kings 8:54—"And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven."

1 Kings 8:59— "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require."

Nehemiah prayed and fasted

Nehemiah's words of repentance are found in Nehemiah 1:4-11.

Nehemiah 1:4—"So it was, when I

heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven."

Nehemiah 1:11—" 'O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.' For I was the king's cupbearer."

Daniel prayed and fasted

It is interesting to note that Daniel prayed on his knees three times a day.

Daniel 6:10-11—"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God."

(On a side note, the book of Psalms indicates that David also prayed three times a day.)

Psalm 55:17—"Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice."

Daniel's words of repentance are found in Daniel 9:3-19.

Daniel 9:3—"Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes."

Daniel 9:17-19—"Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."